

# YOUTH PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Beginning December 1, 2008,  
the City of Rocky Mount's  
Youth Protection Ordinance

## **-YPO-**

goes into effect to:

- Protect the City's youngest citizens, those under the age of sixteen (16);
- Reduce juvenile violence and crime; and,
- Supplement and enhance parental authority.



## **VIOLATIONS**

It is a violation of the YPO if:

- A juvenile under the age of 16 is in a public place or establishment during restricted hours.
- A parent or guardian "knowingly" allows the juvenile to violate the YPO.
- An owner, operator, or employee of an establishment "knowingly" allows a juvenile to remain on their premises during the restricted hours.
- A person 16 years of age or older aids or abets a violator.
- A parent/guardian refuses to take custody of a juvenile during the restricted hours.

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## **ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS**

When a juvenile violates the YPO, an officer will normally take the following actions:

### **First Offense**

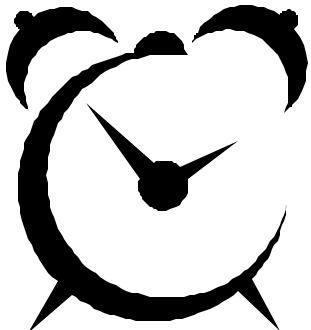
*Officer directs violator to go home*

### **Second Offense**

*Officer transports violator to their home*

### **Third & Subsequent Offenses**

*Officer places violator under arrest*



## **RESTRICTED HOURS**

The YPO restricts youth under the age of 16 from being in a public place or establishment without authorized adult supervision during the following times:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | **EFFECTIVE 11:00 PM UNTIL 6:00 AM THE NEXT MORNING**  
Fridays & Saturdays | **EFFECTIVE 12:01 AM UNTIL 6:00 AM THE NEXT MORNING**

## EXCEPTIONS

A juvenile shall NOT be in violation of the YPO if:

- Accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older who is authorized by the juvenile's parent/guardian.
- On an errand for the parent/guardian, with a written note, until 12:30 am.
- In a motor vehicle traveling interstate through the city with parental consent.
- Engaged in employment activities, or traveling to and from work.
- Reacting or responding to an emergency.
- Attending or traveling to and from an official school or religious activity or a recreational activity sponsored by a school, civic organization, government entity, or other similar entity.
- Exercising First Amendment rights that are protected by the U.S. Constitution.
- Married or emancipated.

## PENALTIES

A juvenile who is arrested and found guilty of the YPO:

- Will be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- May be fined up to \$500.
- May be imprisoned in a juvenile detention facility.
- May be deemed delinquent by the courts.

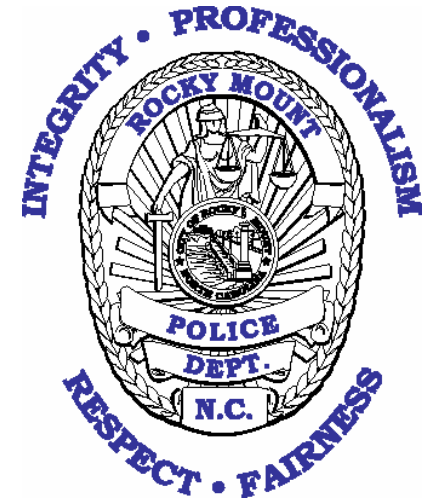


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Youth Protection Ordinance,  
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**[www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov)**

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